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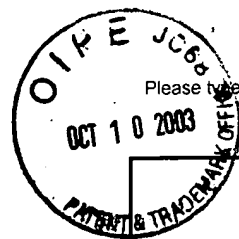
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	1.	2002/0100007	12-06-2200	Steven Teig et al.	Parent application; present application is a continuation of 2002/0100007.
	2.	2002/0133798	12-06-2000	Steven Teig et al.	Application regarding related placement technology
	3.	2002/0073390 S/N 09/737,210	12-13-2000	Steven Teig et al.	Continuation of 2002/0133798
	4.	Preliminary Amendment S/N 09/737,210	12-13-2000	Steven Teig et al.	This Preliminary Amendment is submitted as the publication 2002/0073390 does not accurately reflect the claims of S/N 09/737,210
	5.	S/N 09/737,220	12-13-2000	Steven Teig et al.	Continuation of 2002/0133798
	6.	S/N 09/737,245	12-13-2000	Steven Teig et al.	Continuation of 2002/0133798
	7.	S/N 09/739,460	12-15-2000	Steven Teig et al.	Continuation of parent 2002/0100007
	8.	2002/0124231 S/N 09/739,580	12-15-2000	Steven Teig et al.	Continuation of parent 2002/0100007.
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	10.	S/N 09/739,589	12-15-2000	Steven Teig et al.	Continuation of parent 2002/0100007.
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	13.	2002/0069397	01-13-2002	Steven Teig et al.	CIP of parent 2002/0100007.
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19.	2003/0018947	12-07-2001	Steven Teig et al.	Application regarding related routing technology	
20.	2002/0147958	10-19-2001	Steven Teig et al.	Application regarding related routing technology	
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25.	Preliminary Amendment S/N 10/040,915	01-05-2002	Steven Teig et al.	This Preliminary Amendment is submitted as the publication 2003/0101428 does not accurately reflect the claims of S/N 10/040,915.	
26.	2002/0166105 S/N 10/040,948	01-05-2002	Steven Teig et al.	Application regarding related routing technology	
27.	Preliminary Amendment S/N 10/040,948	01-05-2002	Steven Teig et al.	This Preliminary Amendment is submitted as the publication 2002/0166105 does not accurately reflect the claims of S/N 10/040,948.	
28.	2003/0023943 S/N 10/040,954	01-05-2002	Steven Teig et al.	Application regarding related routing technology	
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38.	2002/0199165 S/N 10/046,864		01-13-2002	Steven Teig et al.	Application regarding related routing technology. Also, CIP of parent application 2002/0100007.
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	43.	Preliminary Amendment S/N 10/047,982	01-14-002	Steven Teig et al.		This Preliminary Amendment is submitted as the publication 2003/0056187 does not accurately reflect the claims of S/N 10/047,982
	44.	2003/0066044	01-13-2002	Steven Teig et al.		Application regarding related routing technology
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